MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Purchase of AN-28 aircraft by Vayudoot

*361. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be please to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot has decided to purchase AN-28 aircraft to replace the unsafe Dornier aircraft as reported recently in some newspapers;

(b) if so, by when all the Dornier aircrafts are likely to be replaced;

(c) whether any study has been made of the relative merits and demerits of these two types of aircrafts; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) According to an evaluation, the AN-28 aircraft did not compare favourably with the Dornier aircraft on techno-economic parameters.

तरलीकृत पेट्रोलियम गैस वितरकों की मांगें

*364 **श्री राम नरेश यादव:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 16 मई, 1990 के "ट्रिब्यून" में "एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स नोटिस टू आई० ओ० सी०" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन वितरकों की मांगों पर विचार किया है और उनके प्रतिनिधियों के साथ भी इस पर चर्चा की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब और इसके क्या परिणाम रहे; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुपादस्वामी): (क) जी, हां। समाचार पत्र में बताये गये अनुसार ही "आल इंडिया एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स फेडरेशन" से एल० पी० जी० सिलिंडरों की ढुलाई की दरों में वृद्धि करने के संबंध में इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन को ऐसी कोई औपचारिक नोटिस नहीं मिली है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Dumping of Medical Waste

*368. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical waste for the Central Government hospitals/clinics and CGHS dispensaries is dumped with other wastes;

(b) if so, whether the waste is processed and made non-toxic before dumping;

(c) whether complaints have come from Junior Doctors' Associations or Environmental Groups about the hazards of medical wastes;

(d) whether directives on disposal of medical wastes were communicated by WHO to his Ministry.

(e) whether any communication from the Ministry of Environment and Forests was also received on the subject; and

(f) if the reply to parts (c), (d) and (e) be in the affirmative, action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Non-toxic waste from Central Government hospitals is disposed of along with municipal waste. Toxic waste (including toxic biological laboratory waste) is disposed of by burning in incinerators in Central Government hospitals. So far as CGHS dispensaries are concerned, they do not have any medical waste which is considered as toxic and is generally disposed of either by burning or disposing it of as municipal waste.

(c) The Resident Doctors' Association (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) had written to Government regarding precautions in the disposal of bodies of AIDS patients.

(d) and (e) World Health Organization has published a report containing guidelines for disposal of medical waste, based on which the Bureau of Indian

Standards have issued guidelines for disposal of medical waste. Recently, the Ministry of Environment and Forest have invited attention of this Ministry to the guidelines issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards and suggested that these guidelines may be put into practice.

(f) Central Govt. hospitals are already disposing of the toxic medical waste by burning in incinerators and thus the guidelines prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards are being by and large followed. Further, the Directorate General of Health Services has also issued guidelines regarding handling and disposal of dead bodies.

Action by MRTP Commission against Soft Drink Manufacturing Companies for Misleading Advertisements

*369. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MRTP Commission proposes to take any action against M/s. Delhi Bottling Company, Shivaji Marg and M/s. Pearl Drinks (P) Limited, Lawrence Road, New Delhi which are giving misleading advertisements in all the newspapers that Limca and Gold Spot do not contain any BVO;

(b) whether according to the result of analysis it has been revealed that Gold Spot and Limca contain BVO; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what action MRTP Commission proposes to take against the said firms for giving misleading advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) On the basis of certain complaints and information received and the applications filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration, the M.R.T.P. Commission has issued temporary injuctions restraining the various soft drink manufacturers including Parle Exports Pvt. Ltd. from using BVO in the soft drinks. M/s. Delhi Bottling Co. and Pearl Drinks Pvt. Ltd. are the franchisee bottlers of soft drinks of the Parle group of companies. The Commission has also ordered investigation in to the conduct of the soft drink manufacturers (including the Parle group) regarding use of prohibited BVO in their soft drinks and the investigation would cover issue of misleading advertisements if any, by these parties.

(b) As stated in reply to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No. 724 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 14.5.1989, two samples of Gold Spot and one sample of Limca taken on 17.4.1990 during raids by the Delhi Administration, Delhi, Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration were found containing B.V.O. by the Public Analyst.

(c) The M.R.T.P. Commission is already seized of the matter. It being a quasi-judicial body is empowered to take necessary action in the matter under the provisions of the M.R.T.P. Act, 1969.

Delicensing of the activities of slitting and confectioning of photosensitised materials from jumbo rolls

*370. SHRI BHUBANSEWAR KALITA:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various trade bodies such as Master Printers Association, Film Federation of India, Radiologists Association of India, All India Federation of Photographic Traders' Association, etc. have asked for the delicensing of the activities of slitting and confectioning of photosensitised materials from jumbo rolls; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from time to time from various bodies for delicensing the activity of slitting/